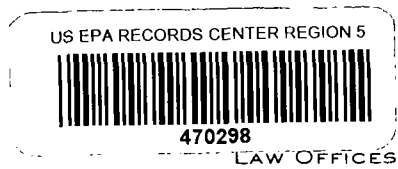


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Attention: Mr. M. Frost.

re: Pope Patent 1,956,654

Dear Sir:

We have studied the above identified patent relative to your waste pipe fitting which was submitted to us by Mr. Russell.

This patent contains three claims. Claim 1 contains the following limitation:

"a plug-supporting lug in the lower part of the body and extending toward the upright center axis of the body, said lug being substantially free from any enlargement or the like adjacent said center axis;"

Claim 2 contains the following limitation:

"a plug-supporting lug in the lower part of the body and extending substantially horizontally toward the upright center axis of the body;"

Claim 3 contains the following limitation:

"a plurality of circumferentially-spaced plug-supporting lugs in the lower part of the body and extending toward the upright center axis of the body,"

An examination of the structure which you propose to use fails to reveal any elements which are responsive to the quoted portions of the three claims of this patent. Consequently, we are of the opinion that no question of infringement arises on your construction relative to the claims of this patent.

Mr. Frost

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In the Pope patent the plug which functions as a valve member, when in upraised or open position, rests upon circumferentially spaced lugs which are carried at the lower portion of the fitting. You accomplish the same result by the use of a pin and slot arrangement, the pin being carried by the plug stem and being held in upraised position by resting the pin upon the upper portion of a collar which extends upwardly from the base of the basket. In view of the fact that the essence of the Pope invention resides in the provision of these plug supporting lugs which you do not use, your construction will not infringe the claims of the Pope patent.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Lee J. Gary". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned to the right of the typed name "D:s".

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